

## Message Text

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O 161231Z JAN 78  
FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6919

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PBOR, PEPR, PDIP, MASS, ET, SO, US  
SUBJ: MEETING WITH ETHIOPIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: A. STATE 011072, B. STATE 011073

1. FONMIN FELLEKE UNABLE TO SEE ME TODAY. HAS TENTATIVELY  
AGREED TO DO SO MORNING JAN 17. I AGREE "MORE IN SORROW" TONE  
IS WAY TO GO AND PLAN TO CARRY GOOD SUPPLY OF KLEENEX.

2. SINCE, AS I INDICATED ADDIS ABABA 0209, FELLEKE SHOULD  
ALREADY BE AWARE THAT I WAS SEEKING LAST WEEK TO SPEAK WITH  
HIM ABOUT SPARE PARTS ISSUE, IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT HE  
WILL TAKE INITIATIVE TOMORROW TO RAISE ISSUE AGAIN. I WON'T,  
OF COURSE, BUT IF HE DOES, I PROPOSE TO ACKNOWLEDGE, UNLESS  
OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, THAT I HAD INDEED RECEIVED SOME INFO  
ON SPARE PARTS DELIVERIES IN RESPONSE TO HIS DEC 22  
INQUIRY. I WOULD THEN SAY THAT I HAD NOW MADE PERSONAL DECISION  
NOT TO PASS INFO AT THIS TIME, SINCE CONCEIVABLY  
MY INSTRUCTIONS WERE NOW OUT OF DATE. THIS IS ONLY PLAY TO  
GAIN TIME IN THE HOPE EPMG'S AND FELLEKE'S TEMPER  
COOL DOWN AFTER EMBASSY'S AND DEPT'S CLARIFICATION  
OF PRES CARTER'S JAN 12 STATEMENT. (FRENCH AMB  
JUST TOLD ME FELLEKE WAS IN A PARTICULARLY  
FOUL MOOD ON JAN 14.) WE SHOULD BE UNDER NO ILLUSION,  
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HOWEVER, THAT DECISION CAN BE MADE PALATABLE.

3. DEPT SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT, ALTHOUGH  
PRESS IN WASHDC MAY NOT KNOW OF PREVIOUS US  
INTENT TO PERMIT SHIPMENT OF PIPELINE MILITARY ITEMS,  
SOME OF PRESS CORPS REIDENT IN AFRICA DO. ISSUE  
CAME UP FREQUENTLY DURING US JOURNALIST VISITS TO

ETHIOPIA LAST SUMMER, AND AT LEAST DAVID OTTAWAY  
OF WASHPOST MAY HAVE ALREADY REFERRED TO US  
POSITION DURING SERIES OF ARTICLES HE DID IN SEPT.  
HOWEVER, WE DO NOT THINK ANY OF THESE JOURNALISTS  
ARE LIKELY TO FOCUS ON THIS SUBJECT IN THEIR CURRENT  
REPORTING.  
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